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## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President

SUBJECT: Appointment of Commission on Redistricting

## **Background**

- 1. The County Charter provides that Montgomery County shall be divided into five Council districts for the purpose of nominating and electing five members of the Council. Each district shall be compact in form and be composed of adjoining territory. Populations of the Council districts shall be substantially equal.
- 2. The Charter requires that the Council district boundaries be reestablished in 1972 and every tenth year thereafter and that the Council shall appoint, not later than February 1 of the year before the year in which redistricting is to take effect, a Commission on Redistricting.
- 3. Charter Section 104 outlines the redistricting process. The Commission on Redistricting shall be composed of four members from each political party chosen from a list of eight individuals submitted by the central committee of each political party which polled at least fifteen percent of the total votes cast for all candidates for the Council in the last preceding regular election. Each list shall include at least one individual who resides in each Council district.
- 4. The Council shall appoint one additional member of the Commission. The Commission shall include at least one member who resides in each Council district, and the number of members who reside in the same Council district shall not exceed two. No person who holds any elected office shall be eligible for appointment to the Commission.
- 5. The Commission shall, at its first meeting select one of its members to serve as its chair.
- 6. The appointment of the Commission on Redistricting is before the Council for approval.

## Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

1. The following nominees from the Democratic Central Committee are appointed to serve as members of the Commission on Redistricting:

Carmen Larsen Chevy Chase

Council District #1

Don Spence Boyds

Council District #2

Jason Tai

Rockville

Council District #3

Cherri Branson Silver Spring

Council District #5

2. The following nominees from the Republican Central Committee are appointed to serve as members of the Commission on Redistricting:

Jacqueline Phillips Chevy Chase

Council District #1

Henry Kahwaty Olney

Council District #2

Patti Jo Witham North Potomac Council District #3

J. Lee Annis, Jr. Silver Spring

Council District #4

- 3. Mr. Jonathan Shurberg, Silver Spring, Council District #5, is appointed as the Council designee to serve on the Commission on Redistricting.
- 4. Mr. Jason Tai is appointed to serve as Acting Chair of the Commission on Redistricting.
- 5. By October 3, 2011, the Commission shall present to the Council a plan of Council districts, together with a report explaining it.

This is a correct copy of Council action.